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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 1730

INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR
ME TRIP.

TEL AVIV FOR ABINGTON

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ENRG EG US IS

SUBJ: NEW ISRAELI HARASSMENT OF AMOCO'S DRILLING ACTIVITIES IN
GULF OF SUEZ

1. ROSS CRAIG, AMOCO EGYPT MANAGER INFORMED US BY TELEPHONE
EARLIER TODAY THAT ISRAELI GUNBOAT HAD INTERCEPTED AMOCO WORK BOAT
IN PROCESS SETTING ANCHOR FOR NEW RIG NAMED AMOCO 511
IN SOUTHERN GULF OF SUEZ AREA IN BLOCK 391. AS WE REPORTED EARLIER
FIRST WELL DRILLED IN THIS BLOCK WAS DRY, BUT SINCE
COMMERCIAL DISCOVERY DISCOVERED JUST NORTH IN BLOCK
382, AMOCO VIEWS THIS WELL AS ESSENTIAL IN DEVELOPMENT
OF NEW FIELD. ACCORDING CRAIG, WORK BOAT ORDERED STAY ON
LOCATION TO CONTINUE WORK. AFTER ORDERING BOAT TO LEAVE
"THE AREA" ISRAELI PATROL BOAT DEPARTED IN DIRECTION
OF AT-TUR.

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2. CRAIG HAS JUST CALLED AGAIN TO STATE THAT ISRAELI
PATROL BOAT RETURN DURING AFTERNOON AND AGAIN ORDERED
WORK BOAT TO DEPART. CRAIG, WHO IS IN CONTACT WITH
WORK BOAT HAS AGAIN ORDERED IT TO STAY ON LOCATION
AND TO TRY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PATROL
TO FIND OUT WHAT IS OBJECTION TO ITS PRESENCE.

ACCORDING AMOCO CALCULATIONS, WHILE PROPOSED
RIG IS TO CLOSE TO SO-CALLED MEDIAN LINE,
ITS POSITION HAS BEEN CAREFULLY DETERMINED TO PLACE IT
ON WESTERN SIDE.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH US, CRAIG EXPLAINED THAT
ANCHOR IN QUESTION IS VITAL TO PLACEMENT OF NEW RIG, AND THEREFORE
IN AMOCO TERMS, TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FIELD. HE SAID HE
INTENDS KEEP WORK BOAT ON LOCATION UNTIL ANCHOR IS SET.
RIG 511, WHICH PASSED THROUGH SUEZ CANAL FEW DAYS AGO, IS ON
LOCATION AWAITING SETTING OF ANCHORS BEFORE COMMENCING
DRILLING.

4. CRAIG GAVE FOLLOWING CO-ORDINATES FOR NEW WELL:
LAT 27 DEG. 52 MIN, 56.13 SEC, NOR,
LONG 33 DEG, 41 MIN, 38.65 SEC, EAST CRAIG'S OPINION IS THAT
WHILE RIG IS WEST OF LINE, (ISRAELI PATROL BOAT CAPTAIN
ADAMATELY REFUSED APPROACH RIG ITSELF) ANCHOR OR WORK BOAT MAY BE
ON OR JUST EAST OF LINE.

5. CRAIG DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM USG AT THIS
TIME. HE HOPES ARRANGE DEAL WITH PATROL BOAT WHEREBY ANCHOR
CAN BE PLACED BUT ACCOMPANYING BOUY NOT ATTACHED TO IT. HE PROMISED
KEEP US INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

6. COMMENT: UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES BELIEVE WE SHOULD TREAT ABOVE AS
INFORMATION ONLY. WE WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS
IMMEDIATELY.

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